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Attached is a Response to the April 5, 2004 Office Action in connection with the above-identified patent application.

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This Response addresses the rejections in the Official Action mailed April 5, 2004.

Claims 1-7, 9-16, and 25-34 are pending in the application.

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed April 5, 2004, claims 1-3, 11-16, 25-29, and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Stone* (U.S. Patent No. 5,551,938). Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 16, 25, 29-32, and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Lang* (U.S. Patent No. 5,147,480). Claims 4-7 and 30-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Stone* in view of *Stokes* (U.S. Patent No. 1,800,288). Applicant traverses these rejections.

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